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Gold and Blue Newsletter

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From Your Stoneleigh PTA President

Dear Stoneleigh Parents and Friends,

On behalf of the Stoneleigh PTA, I would like to welcome everyone back to another exciting school year at Stoneleigh Elementary! The PTA has been hard at work planning many events and activities for our school. The first is our annual fall fundraiser, Innisbrook, which ended last week and usually earns about \$15,000 for our school! Without this fundraiser we could not provide our students with so many great opportunities! Also, we are now participating in our annual membership drive in which we ask all parents to participate and support our school by joining the PTA. With your paid membership, we invite you to join us at the Ice Cream Social that is scheduled for September 26th at our school. And all of this is happening just in September! We have so much more planned throughout the school year. So remember to check your newsletter!

I am so excited to be the PTA President again this year! I am looking forward to meeting and working with lots of new faces. Last year I met many new families! If you are interested in becoming more involved with the PTA, we have countless opportunities for you to do more! Please feel free to contact me or anyone on the board with any comments or questions that you might have. I also invite you to attend any of our monthly executive board meetings to find out more about our PTA! Our meeting schedule is attached for your convenience, please mark your calendars and join us. I wish you and your family a great new school year.

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Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

- 26 Ice Cream Social, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 29 Professional Development Day, **Schools Closed for Students**
- 30 Rosh Hashanah, **Schools Closed**

OCTOBER

- 6-10 International Walk to School Week
- 7 Board of Education Meeting, ESS Building, Greenwood, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Yom Kippur, **Schools Closed**
- 10 Stoneleigh Gazette Goes Home
- 16 Family Social Event – Family Movie Night
- 17 Professional Development Day, **School Closed for Students**
- 21 Innisbrook Order Pick-up, noon – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 PTA Newsletter Goes Home

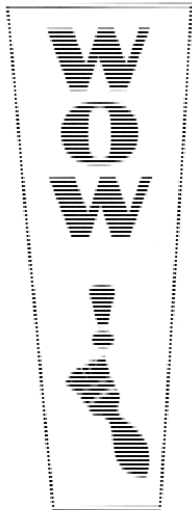
Newsletter Information

Would you like to see your information printed in the October 23rd edition of the newsletter? Just send your articles/information by **October 17** to Sheri Buttarazzi at sbuttarazzi@gmail.com. Editing for space/content may occur. Thanks for contributing!

PTA 2008-2009 OFFICERS

Please feel free to contact any member of the Executive Board with any PTA related questions or concerns you may have. Thank You!

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REFLECTIONS 2008
More information
coming next month!

Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA Monthly Meeting Schedule

November 13, 2008 March 12, 2009
January 8, 2009 May 14, 2009
February 12, 2009

All parents are welcome to attend our PTA Board Meetings. Meetings begin at 7:00pm in the library unless otherwise noted.

If you are new to Stoneleigh, this is an excellent opportunity to find out what's happening at our school. During our meeting you will hear from PTA committees as well as school staff.

**PTA Student Directories
will be available at the
Ice Cream Social!!!**



Volunteer Connection

Volunteer Training Update

If you were unable to attend the scheduled volunteer training meetings, we ask that you please contact Mrs. Eden or Mrs. Wingerd to schedule an appointment to view the training DVD and complete the needed forms. Beginning September 18th, you may call the office to set up an appointment.

Remember all volunteers must be trained in order to offer service in the school as well as chaperone for a field trip. Additionally, please remember we are no longer able to allow parents to receive volunteer training the day of a field trip. You must plan ahead and be trained prior to the date of the field trip.

Innisbrook Product Delivery

Volunteers are needed to help hand out Innisbrook orders in the cafeteria lobby. 60-90 minute shifts are available between noon and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 21. Please contact Lisa Marx at 410-377-9221 or stoneleigh.innisbrook@yahoo.com to volunteer your time.

American Education Week

American Education Week is November 17-21, 2008 and the PTA will need volunteers to help host the event each day that week. Hosts will be needed from roughly 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. to set up breakfast food, check parents in and direct them to their student's classes, and monitor the gym lobby door. Schedule of visiting days by grade level should be available in mid-October. Please consider volunteering on a day when you will not be visiting your child's classroom. Contact Colleen Mahony at 410-377-8429 or colleenmahony@hotmail.com if you would be willing to serve as a host for a morning or part of a morning.

Flag Circle Planting Party

Volunteers needed on October 11, 2008 from 9 a.m. until noon. See page 8 for more details.

~Vicki Damanti, Volunteer Coordinator
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410-583-2174

STONELEIGH PTA FRENCH AND SPANISH CLUBS ENROLLING NOW

The Stoneleigh PTA will continue its after-school clubs studying Spanish and French language and culture. We have secured excellent, experienced instructors to lead the programs that will run from October until April. Clubs will meet 20 times on a weekly basis with several exceptions, mainly school holidays. If possible, clubs will meet together 2-3 times for special events and "immersion" opportunities such as cultural presentations, movies, etc. To increase conversation in the clubs, we will use Towson High language honors students as tutors. We may also receive help from Stoneleigh students who are already fluent in these languages.

Our returning club teachers are **Valerie Ford** and **Christine LaBue**. Ms. Ford is a native French speaker and Stoneleigh parent who has extensive experience teaching French. Ms. LaBue is a 2nd grade Stoneleigh teacher who spent a summer studying in Spain. Our new club teachers are **Meaghan Slattery**, Stoneleigh's technology teacher who has taught 1st and 2nd grades and has studied Spanish at the college level, and **Michele Cline**, a Stoneleigh parent with a degree in Spanish and secondary education who has taught Spanish to middle school students.

Each time the club meets, participants will go from their homerooms to the meeting room after the last bus is called at the end of the school day. Students also enrolled in Play Centers will first go there to sign in and then proceed to the meeting room. A student will be assigned to bring a snack for everyone at each club meeting. At the end of the meeting, the instructor will bring all students to the cafeteria lobby for pick-up at 4:30 p.m. (or sign-out to Play Centers). Parents arriving more than 10 minutes after dismissal time should be aware that their children will not be admitted to the next class unless the late fee (\$5/minute) has been paid directly to the teacher. If schools are closed or close early for any reason, the club will not meet that day. Cancelled meetings will not be made up.

Based on parent feedback, there will be a formal **behavior policy** this year. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated in the language clubs. Students who misbehave will be given one warning by the teacher. On the second occasion, the teacher will send a note home to the parent. If the behavior continues a third time, the student will not be able to continue in the club.

Enrollments will be based on the **postmark** of completed registrations, and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. A minimum of 8 students is required and the maximum is 15 enrollees per club. Students must be in grades 1-5 at Stoneleigh. We will consider age and experience in grouping enrollees.

If you have questions, contact Heidi Bunes (heidibunes@comcast.net).

Clubs meet at the school from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

French (Wednesdays) Oct. 22, Oct 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1

Spanish (Wednesdays or Thursdays) Oct. 22/23, Oct 29/30, Nov. 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, Dec. 3/4, 10/11,
Jan. 7/8, 14/15, 21/22, 28/29, Feb. 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26, Mar. 4/5, 11/12, 18/19, 25/26, Apr. 1/2

\$100 registration fee (\$5 per class) If you prefer not to pay in full at this time, please send \$50 now and \$50 by December 8. A confirmation email will be sent to enrollees' parents in early October. If the clubs are over-subscribed, registration fees will be returned through the homeroom teachers. After Monday October 20, registration fees are non-refundable.

(Registration form on reverse.)

STONELEIGH PTA FRENCH AND SPANISH CLUBS

REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and send along with a \$100 check payable to Stoneleigh PTA to Heidi Bunes 7021 Kenleigh Road, Balto 21212

Child _____ Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Tel. (Day) _____ (Eve) _____

(Cell/Emergency) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (required)

After club meetings, my child will (circle one):
1. Go to Play Centers
2. Be picked up by _____

PLEASE CIRCLE DESIRED CLUB: FRENCH SPANISH*

*If Spanish, please circle all days when the student is available: Wednesdays Thursdays

Previous Experience with this Language _____

PAYMENT : Check number _____ Check amount _____

I agree to provide a snack for all children in the club twice during the year. I understand that after the first 10 minutes, a \$5 late fee per minute is payable directly to the teacher upon pick-up. After 3 late pick-ups, the child risks being unable to participate.

Parent Signature



Walking to School News

September 2008



Join children from around the world and walk to school during International Walk to School Week. Each day of the week we will highlight a different benefit of walking to school

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Mon (10/6) – More walking means fewer cars around the school. And that means less traffic danger and less pollution. Take the community pace car pledge, learn about traffic law and safety, and observe an idle free zone. Most importantly – walk to school!

Tues (10/7) – Walking is a great way to build connections in your neighborhood. Ask your neighbors who are home in the morning to come outside and wave while you walk to school! Get your photo taken with community leaders and our Golden Shoe.

Wed (10/8) – Walking to school is great exercise. Everyone, even bus riders, will have a chance to travel our iwalk course at school during Recess plus 10.

Thurs (10/4) – No school

Friday (10/5) – Kick off our year long walk from the Andes to the Amazon through South America. Join us for music, chocolate and coffee on the green top.

Mark your calendar to attend an informational meeting about Safe Routes to School October 2, 2008 at 7PM in the Stoneleigh cafeteria.

Stoneleigh Elementary School, the PTA and Baltimore County Department of Public Works will host an informational meeting regarding **Safe Routes to School** on October 2, 2008 at 7PM in the cafeteria.

Many of us remember a time when walking and bicycling to school was a part of everyday life. In 1969, about half of all students walked or bicycled to school. Today, however, fewer than 15 percent of all school trips are made by walking or bicycling, one-quarter are made on a school bus, and over half of all children arrive at school in private automobiles. This decline in walking and bicycling has had an adverse effect on traffic congestion and air quality around schools, as well as pedestrian and bicycle safety. In addition, a growing body of evidence has shown that children who lead sedentary lifestyles are at risk for a variety of health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. Safety issues are a big concern for parents, who consistently cite traffic danger as a reason why their children are unable to bicycle or walk to school.

During the 2007-2008 school year a task force studied possible infrastructure improvements to the seven neighborhoods served by SES. Engineering solutions such as sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and speed reduction improvements, and crossing improvements are being considered to make children's walk to school safer!

Join us to find out what Safe Routes to School could mean in your neighborhood

What is Walking Wednesdays? The Stoneleigh Elementary PTA is entering its fifth year of an award winning PTA program called Walking Wednesdays. Since its inception in 2004, Stoneleigh Elementary School students have logged 36,012 miles. Each year the children choose a destination, such as China, Africa or Europe, to explore during their walk. Children who walk or bicycle to and from school record the number of blocks they travel. After converting the blocks to miles, the school totals for each week are recorded on a map where the students can watch their progress. This year we will be exploring South America while we log miles trying to top last year's total of 13347 miles!

What is the Jungle Club? Members of the 4th and 5th grade after school Walking Wednesday Club make announcements each Wednesday reporting our current travel location based on the accumulated miles. Along with our location, the club members share information about the geography, history and culture that make the location unique. Our bulletin board in the gym-cafeteria lobby and the Walking Wednesday newsletter keep the school current as well.

**Join us for the PTA's Annual
Stoneleigh Elementary
Ice Cream Social**



**Friday, September 26, 2008
6:30 to 8 PM**

**Music, Face Painting, Crafts, and
Some of Our Favorite Celebrity Scoopers**

Rain or shine

**All children must have an adult chaperone
No drop offs please**

**Free with your Stoneleigh PTA Membership
(In the spirit of being a green school, no tickets required this year!)**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY EVENING

OCTOBER 16th, 2008

(school is closed on Friday Oct. 17th)

It's the SES PTA Family Fun Movie Night!



**Bring your picnic blanket and watch a movie with friends &
family out on the front lawn (inside if it rains)
Popcorn & drinks will be supplied**



Free with your Stoneleigh PTA Membership SO JOIN TODAY!!!

THE STONELEIGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2008 HOLIDAY BAZAAR...

Saturday
December 6th
9am to 2pm
@ SES
900 Pemberton Road

is coming to you soon!!!

Brought to you by Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA.
2008 Co-chairs: Trixie Tracey & Alice Horan.



Support your PTA !!!

Local businesses and SES families can
advertise in the

2nd annual Holiday Bazaar Program.

SES students can place fun messages in the "Kids Only" section
to their friends and favorite teachers!



Please check desired ad size. All ads/messages must be received by October 3, 2008. See reverse side for ad sizes. Drop off forms with payment in the PTA box at the school office.

Business Ads \$100 [full pg.] \$50 [1/2 pg.] \$25 [1/4 pg.]

Family Ads \$15 [full pg.] \$10 [1/2 pg.] \$5 [1/4 pg.]

Kids Only section \$1 [per message] Please attach message to form.

Bazaar Donations* Our company would like to donate _____

*All companies who donate food and/or items will be listed as Sponsors in the Program!

Name: _____ Company: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please make checks payable to Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA. Mailing address:
Stoneleigh Elementary School PTA, Attention: Holiday Bazaar, 900 Pemberton Rd.,
Baltimore, MD, 21212. Ads can be emailed to Leslie Mooney at
lgmooney@comcast.net. JPG format preferred.



Spirit Wear – Old and New!

What a tremendous response we have had to Spirit Wear this year! Thanks to all who have purchased a Stoneleigh t-shirt, and many thanks to those who have worn their blue and gold on Friday.

As a result of all this interest, we only have a limited number of blue and gold items available:

- Large and XLarge Youth T-shirts
- Small Youth Sweatshirts (very few available)
- Large and XLarge Youth sweatshirts
- Adult Small, Medium and XLarge T-Shirts
- Adult Sweatshirts

All these sales have enabled us to order a new line of Spirit Wear. You may have seen the line sported by some students around school as they were available for sale at the Back to School Nights. The new styles have a tropical theme with upright surfboards and tropical flowers in both boys and girls styles. Shirts come in gray, light blue, and pink. Also available are new Stoneleigh Stallions sweatshirts in pink and gray.

Spirit Wear will be available for sale at the Ice Cream Social. So come on over to the Spirit Wear table and show your Stoneleigh Spirit!

~Colleen Mahony, Stoneleigh Spirit
colleenmahony@hotmail.com
410-377-8429

Double Your BoxTops Now Through Oct 24th!



Turn \$6 into \$12! For each household, 60 BoxTops can become 120 BoxTops for Stoneleigh! Just complete the form on the back side and attach your BoxTops. Send it to school by **OCTOBER 24th** so we can have our entries postmarked by the deadline. Even if you can't fill the whole sheet, still send it in. We want as many BoxTops as we can get this year. The form can be found on page 9. Please note that the box tops do not have to be from Target.

Grounds Update

THANKS! Kudos to our wonderful weeders who spruced up the planting beds along Pemberton Road during the summer to make everything look top notch for the new school year! Our weeders are: Susan Schoenfeld, Dana Kaplin, Sheila Myers, Michele Pukak and Anna Wilkerson.

Many thanks to Joe Radabaugh of Radabaugh's Florist who donated four flats of beautiful flowers for the Pemberton Road planting beds.

FLAG CIRCLE PLANTING PARTY SET FOR OCTOBER 11, 2008 FROM 9AM UNTIL 12PM

What's going on in the flag circle? This summer the paving area was increased to allow children to participate in periodic flag ceremonies such as Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Stoneleigh resident, landscape architect and future SES parent, Jamie Brown, has designed plantings for the flag circle that will be low maintenance, drought resistant and attractive with lots of seasonal interest. The PTA, SES, Stoneleigh Garden Club and Idlewyld Community Association have donated funds to pay for the plants. What else do we need? Volunteers to help install the plantings! Bring your shovels, gloves and other gardening equipment and join us October 11, 2008 any time between 9:00 a.m. and noon for a planting party!

~Beth Miller
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410-377-4369

Get Connected with Girl Scouts

Girls ages 5 and above are welcome to join one of Stoneleigh's many Girl Scout troops. New girls of all ages are always welcome. If you know a girl who wants to learn more about herself and her community and have fun while helping others, then Girl Scouts is for her. Camping, sports, arts and crafts, reading books, helping the elderly and the homeless, these are all things Girl Scouts do and there are many more. And of course, the Girl Scouts are currently selling their delicious cookies. So please support your local troops with a box of cookies. For more information on joining Girl Scouts, contact Colleen Mahony (410-377-8429 or colleenmahony@hotmail.com) or Christine Roberts (410-377-7371 or croberts6@bcps.org).

Seeking Artists for the Holiday Bazaar. We are currently seeking artists/crafters to participate in the annual bazaar. If you are interested in selling your craft, or know of someone in the local area who would be interested, contact Deborah Blunt at dbluntster@gmail.com or 410-823-1550.

Bonus Box Tops for Education® Submission Form



Start earning extra cash for your school! Just collect 30 Box Tops from your favorite participating brands at Target® and attach them to this form. Then, **return this form to your school's Box Tops Coordinator.** For every 30 you send in, we'll give your school an additional 30!

For a complete list of Box Tops participating products, go to www.boxtops4education.com

Limit TWO Bonus Box Tops Submission Forms per household.



Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	

Coordinator: Initial to verify that no more than two forms have been submitted per household →

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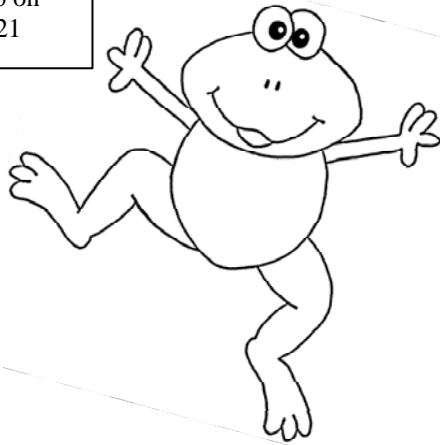
Please turn in no later than FRIDAY, October 24, 2008

Name of Student	
Teacher	

Student Name will not be forwarded to General Mills. This is needed for our school contest only.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Orders can be
picked up on
October 21



**Our Innisbrook Sale
was a Huge Success!**

Kudos to Mrs. Bosco's Kindergarten class and Ms. Stromyer's First grade class for achieving nearly 100% participation!

Stoneleigh families and relatives can continue earning money for our school by shopping at www.innisbrook.com. Our school code is 103318.

Stoneleigh PTA Student Directory

2008-2009 Order Form

Student Name: _____

Grade/Homeroom Teacher: _____

Return this form to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope marked PTA Directory. Please be sure to include \$5.00 cash or check made payable to Stoneleigh Elementary PTA for each directory ordered. Directories will be sent home with your child.

Questions can be directed to Catherine Renggli at 410-377-0132 or Sheri Buttarazzi at stoneleighptadirectory@gmail.com.

